

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
FORT WAYNE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 )  
 v. ) No. 1:16-cr-00031-TLS-SLC  
 )  
 LINDA ZIMMERMAN )

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**  
**OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
**UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY**

TO: THE HONORABLE THERESA L. SPRINGMANN, JUDGE,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Upon Defendant's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal  
Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter came on for hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Susan Collins, on February 10, 2017, with the written consents of Defendant, counsel for  
Defendant, and counsel for the United States of America.

The hearing on Defendant's plea of guilty was in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal  
Rules of Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the statements made by Defendant under oath on the  
record and in the presence of counsel, the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney and of  
counsel for Defendant,

I FIND as follows:

- (1) that Defendant understands the nature of the charge against her to which the plea is offered;
- (2) that Defendant understands her right to trial by jury, to persist in her plea of not guilty, to the assistance of counsel at trial, to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and her right against compelled self-incrimination;

(3) that Defendant understands what the maximum possible sentence is, including the effect of the supervised release term, and Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines apply and that the Court may depart from those guidelines under some circumstances;

(4) that the plea of guilty by Defendant has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from the plea agreement between the parties;

(5) that Defendant is competent to plead guilty;

(6) that Defendant understands that her answers may later be used against her in a prosecution for perjury or false statement;

(7) that there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea; and further,

I RECOMMEND that the Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty and that Defendant be adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count 1 of the seven-count Indictment, and have sentence imposed. A Presentence Report has been ordered. Should this Findings and Recommendation be accepted and Defendant adjudged guilty, sentencing will be scheduled before Judge Theresa L. Springmann by separate order and notice. Objections to the Findings and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

DATED this 10th day of February 2017.

/s/ Susan Collins  
Susan Collins,  
United States Magistrate Judge